

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, line 31 to page 3, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

Furthermore, Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 9-3659 9-3658 discloses a rust-preventive steel strip for fuel tanks having a Sn-based alloy coating layer 2.0 to 15.0 μm thick formed on an alloy layer, 0.05 to 1.5 μm thick, containing at least 50% of Fe and Sn, and further having an organic-inorganic composite film formed on the alloy coating layer.